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MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES,

IN THE

PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

ON THE SUBJECT OF UNION.

At Montreal, and within St. Paul's Church there, on the 28th September, 1870, the Committees appointed on the subject of Union by the Supreme Courts of the following Churches, viz: The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland —The Canada Presbyterian Church—The Presbyterian Church of th Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces met according to the call of the respective Conveners of these Committees.

Present, The Rev. Dr. Cook, the Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D. D., Ministers, with the Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. James Croil, and Mr. Niel McDougall, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland ; The Rev. Dr. Taylor, The Rev. Robert Ure, The Rev. Dr. Topp, Ministers, with The Hon. John McMurrich, Mr. David Mackay and Mr. Thomas McRae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church ; The Rev. Allan Pollok, The Rev. G. M. Grant, and the Rev. Donald McRae Ministers, with the Hon. John Robertson, the Hon. John Holmes, and Mr. James J. Bremner, Elders of the Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland ; The Rev. Dr. Bayne; The Rev. James Bennett, and the Rev. G. Christie, Ministers with Mr. Henry Webster, and Mr. David Laird, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

The Rev. Dr. Cook was appointed Chairman, and the Rev Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Taylor.

Extract minutes of the Supreme Courts of the various Churches appointing the Committees were read, as also the letter of the Rev. Dr. Ormiston of Hamilton, on the ground of which, and of the sentiments expressed therein, the said action of these Churches was taken.

The Chairman opened the business by referring to the desirableness and expediency of Union between the Churches represented by this meeting, inasmuch as they hold the same doctrine and government and discipline.

I. All present were of opinion that for many and strong reasons, it was desirable to have a union of the Presbyterian Churches within British North America, and that there was on the ground of principle no obstacle to said Union, if it were accomplished on the basis of the Holy Scriptures, as the Supreme Standard of faith and manners, with the Westminster Confession of Faith, as the Subordinate Standard, it being understood, 1st, That full liberty of opinion in regard to the power and duty of the civil Magistrate in matters of religion, as set forth in said Confession, be allowed ; and 2nd, That the use of the Shorter Catechism be enjoined as an authoritative Exposition of doctrine for the instruction of our people.

II. With regard to the name by which the United Church shall be known, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the name should be " The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

III. The meeting also resolved to record their opinion that this United Church should maintain fraternal relations with Presbyterian Churches holding the same doctrine and government and discipline—and that ministers and probationers should be received into the Church subject to such regulations as the Church may from time to time adopt.

IV. It was also agreed that the general polity, laws and forms of procedure be settled by the United Church, and compiled from

such rules as may have been in force in the respective Churches, or from other books of Presbyterian law and order—and that in the meantime Church Courts conduct their business according to the recognized principles and forms of the Presbyterian Church.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D. D., *Secretary.*

At 3 o'clock, same day and place, the joint Committee met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Bayne. Sederunt as before. The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

V. There was now submitted for the consideration of the meeting the question of the application of the Temporalities' Fund in the hands of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland. The unanimous opinion was, that the vested rights of the present beneficiaries of the Fund must be conserved. The matter of a Sustentation Fund was brought up in connexion with the question now under discussion. After lengthened deliberation it was resolved that, whilst a general Sustentation Fund may not be in the meantime practicable, though highly desirable, the efforts of the United Church should be strongly directed in favour of Home Missionary or Church Extension purposes. And as to the future appropriation of the Temporalities' Fund as vested rights gradually lapse, it was thought best to express no special opinion at present, inasmuch as the decision on the subject rests with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

VI. With regard to Modes of Worship, it was, after some conversation on the subject, resolved, that the practice presently followed by Congregations in the matter of worship, should be allowed, and that further action in connexion therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church.

VII. The subject of Collegiate Education was then taken up. There was full expression of sentiment thereon; but the hour of

adjournment, 5 o'clock, having arrived, the meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D. D., *Secretary.*

At same place on the 29th September, 1870, the Joint Committee again met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. James Bennett.

Sederunt as before. The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and sustained.

The subject of Collegiate Education was resumed, and consideration of the same continued till the hour of adjournment, 1 o'clock.

The meeting then adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D. D., *Secretary.*

Same day and place, 3 o'clock, The Joint Committee met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Donald McRae.

Sederunt as before. The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman. The Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The subject of Collegiate Education was resumed.

Several motions were proposed; but the consideration of the subject was deferred.

The meeting then adjourned at 5 o'clock, and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D. D., *Secretary.*

At same place, on the 30th September, 1870, the Joint Committee met and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. G. Christie.

Sederunt as before. The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman. The Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary. The minutes of the two previous meetings, were read and sustained.

The meeting resumed consideration of the subject of Collegiate Education, when the following motion proposed by the Hon. Alexander Morris, and seconded by the Hon. John Robertson was unanimously adopted, viz. The joint Committee resolve to recommend that the earnest attention of the United Church should be given at the earliest possible moment to secure the maintenance in thorough efficiency of a Presbyterian University, and of such Theological Halls as may be found requisite to provide the necessary facilities for the education of the Ministers of the Church in the various Provinces of British North America.

The matter of a Widows and Orphans' Fund for the United Church was then taken up, when it was unanimously agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows and Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all Ministers and Congregations will be expected to contribute, and that in the meantime the services of an actuary be secured to value the different Funds now in existence, and to submit an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

The meeting, appointed the following committee, viz :—The Chairman and Secretary, with the Conveners of the respective Committees, the Hon. Alexander Morris and the Hon. John McMurrich, to prepare a document embodying the results of these meetings which might be submitted to the respective Churches.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D. D., *Secretary.*

At Montreal and within St. Paul's Church there at 5 o'clock 30th September 1870. The joint Committee met after adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman.

Sederunt the Rev. Dr. Cook, the Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D. Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. Croil, Mr. Sheriff McDougall, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Topp, the Rev. Robert Ure, Hon. John McMurrich, Mr. David Mackay, Mr. Thomas McRae, the Rev.

Allan Pollok, the Rev. G. M. Grant, the Rev. Donald McRae, Hon. John Robertson, Hon. John Holmes, Mr. James J. Bremner, Rev. Dr. Bayne, Rev. James Bennett, the Rev. G. Christie, Mr. Henry Webster and Mr. David Laird.

The Rev. Dr Cook, Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee appointed in the forenoon, reported that the following minute, drawn up in accordance with the instructions given them, should be adopted as the closing minute of the Joint Committee. This was unanimously agreed to.

"The members of this Committee in bringing their deliberations to a close, desire to record their great satisfaction at the entire harmony of sentiment which has prevailed among them on the subject of Union, and generally with regard to all matters of detail affecting the practicability of the contemplated Union, and now in the belief that the hopes of the negotiating Churches will through the blessing of God be realized, unanimously resolve to report to their respective Churches that the following articles be recommended to be adopted as the basis of Union for the United Church to be known under the name of "the Presbyterian Church of British North America."

1. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament being the infallible word of God are the supreme standard of Faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall be the subordinate standard of this Church, it being understood, 1. That full liberty of opinion in regard to the power and duty of the Civil Magistrate in matters of religion, as set forth in said confession be allowed, and 2. That the use of the Shorter Catechism be enjoined as an authoritative exposition of doctrine for the instruction of the people.

3. That this Church shall maintain fraternal relations with Presbyterian Churches holding the same doctrine, and government and discipline, and that Ministers and Probationers shall be received into the Church, subject to such regulations as the Church may from time to time adopt.

The joint Committee, in order to bring the other matters con-

sidered by them under the notice of their respective Churches resolve to report as they hereby do, by transmitting the minutes duly signed and attested."

The Committee unanimously resolved to meet at 8 o'clock this evening to engage in religious services, in prayer and thanksgiving to God for the spirit of unity and brotherly love, poured out upon them in all their deliberations.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., Chairman.

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D. Secretary.

At same place and date 8 o'clock p.m. The joint Committee met and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt the Rev. Drs. Taylor, Snodgrass, Bayne, Topp, the Rev. Messrs. Christie, Grant, Pollok, McRae, Hon. Alexander Morris, Messrs. Croil, Mackay, Webster, McDougall, Laird.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, Chairman, *p.t.* the Rev. Dr. Topp, Secretary.

This being a meeting mainly for devotional exercises, Mr. Polloh read the 37th chap. of Ezekiel, after which the Rev. Dr. Jenkins being present was requested to engage in prayer. After one or two addresses from Members, the Chairman read part of 17th chap. of John, and Mr. Christie afterwards engaged in prayer.

The Committee then unanimously resolved to record their thanks to the Trustees of this Church for their kindness in granting them the use of it for their meetings, and also to the Christian friends in Montreal, who have with so much heartiness and generosity extended their hospitality to the members of these Committees.

After singing the last two verses of the 72d Psalm, and after the Benediction by the Chairman the meeting was closed.

W TAYLOR, D.D., Chairman, *p. t.*

ALEXANDER, TOPP, D.D., Secretary.

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At Montreal, and within St. Paul's Church there, on the 26th September, 1871, the Committees on the subject of Union, appointed by the Supreme Courts of the following Churches, viz. : The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland—The Canada Presbyterian Church—The Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland—and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces—met on the call of the respective Conveners of these Committees, as a Joint Committee for the promotion of Union.

The Rev. Dr. Cook, Chairman of the Joint Committee, which met in Montreal at this time last year, having opened the meeting with prayer, intimated that it now devolved upon the Committee to appoint a Chairman and a Secretary. It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that Dr. Cook be appointed Chairman, and that Dr. Topp be appointed Secretary.

Extract Minutes of the proceedings of the Supreme Courts of the aforesaid Churches were then read, re-appointing their Committees, with the addition of three ministers and three elders to each of them ; and the names of the members of said Committees having been called, the following were present, viz. : The Rev.

Principal Snodgrass, D. D., The Rev. Dr. Cook, The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. George Bell, The Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, Ministers, with the Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. James Croil, Mr. James Craig, Mr. Robert Bell, and Mr. James S. Hunter, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland ; The Rev. Dr. Taylor, The Rev. Dr. Topp, The Rev. Professor Caven, The Rev. Thomas Macpherson, The Rev. Dr. Macvicar, Ministers, with The Hon. John McMurrich, Mr. David Mackay, and Mr. George Hay, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church; The Rev. Dr. Bayne, The Rev. George Christie, The Rev. Robert Sedgewick, The Rev. George Patterson, Ministers, with Mr. Henry B. Webster, and Mr. George A. Blanchard, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces ; and The Rev. Neil Brodie, Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

The Committee, before proceeding to business, spent some time in devotional exercises, imploring the Divine guidance and blessing on their meeting.

It was then resolved, that for the more convenient and speedy transaction of business, the sessions of Committee shall be from 9.30, A. M., to 12.30, P. M., from 2.30 to 5.30, P. M., and from 7.30 in the evening till such time as may be determined at that session.

On motion made, and unanimously agreed to, the Committee resolved to take up consideration of the Basis of Union first. The Basis adopted by the Joint Committee of last year was accordingly read, with the deliverances of the several Churches thereon.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, and on the 27th September, 1871, at 9.30, A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, The Rev. Thomas Macpherson, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before, with the addition of The Rev. David Watson,

Minister, and Mr. Neil McDougall, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland ; Mr. John L. Gibb and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church ; The Rev. George M. Grant, The Rev. Robert G. Cameron, Ministers, and Mr. J. G. Bremner, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland ; and The Rev. James Bennet, Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Basis of Union. The First Article of the Basis recommended in last year's minutes having been read, final decision as to the precise terms in which it should be expressed was deferred.

The Committee then took up the Second Article, and was engaged in considering the same when the hour of adjournment arrived. The Committee accordingly adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At same place, and on the same day, at 2½ p.m., the Committee met and was constituted. The Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, at the request of the Chairman, offered up prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Second Article of the Basis, and continued therein till 5 o'clock, when it was resolved to adjourn. The Committee accordingly adjourned.—Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, and on the same day, 7.30 p.m., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Robert G. Cameron, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having taken up further consideration of the Basis of Union, agreed to the following as the Second Article. "That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church. That the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people."

It was further resolved, that to the Second Article of the Basis there be added this clause, viz.—"It being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion."

The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, 28th September, 1871, at 9.30 A. M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having resumed consideration of the Basis of Union, resolved, after full deliberation, to adopt the following as the Third Article of the Basis, viz: "That the government and worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches, as laid down generally in 'The form of Presbyterial Church Government,' and in 'The Directory for the public worship of God.'" The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 2.30 P.M., same day and place, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Robert Sedgewick, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Basis, and agreed to the following as the Fourth Article: "That this Church, while cherishing Christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desiring to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches, as opportunity offers, shall, at the same time, regard itself as being in such ecclesiastical relations to Churches, holding the same doctrine, government, and discipline with itself, as that Ministers and Probationers from these Churches shall be received into this Church, subject to such regulations as shall from time to time be adopted."

The Committee then returned to the consideration of the First Article of the Basis, and resolved to adopt the following as such: "That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners."

It was also resolved that the title of the United Church shall be, "The Presbyterian Church of British North America." Mr. Brodie dissented from this resolution.

The Committee took up the matter of Collegiate Education, and, having heard read the resolution of Committee last year, and the deliverances thereon of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, entered into the consideration of the whole subject, and continued therein till the hour of adjournment. The Committee then adjourned.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 7.30 P.M., same day and place, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Professor Caven, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having resumed consideration of the matter of

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Collegiate Education, continued therein till 10 o'clock. The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, on the 29th September, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Before proceeding with the regular business of this session, the several Articles of the Basis of Union, as agreed to, were read, and a committee consisting of Principal Snodgrass, Professor Caven, and the Secretary, were appointed to revise the same, and to bring the Basis before the Committee in the form in which it should be presented to the respective Churches.

The Committee then resumed consideration of the subject of Collegiate Education, and adjourned at 12.30, to meet at 3 P.M. Closed with prayer.

JOHN COOK, D.D., *Chairman.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, and on the same day, at 3 P.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. George Christie, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer.

Sederunt as before. The Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee proceeded to consider the question of a Sustentation Fund for the United Church, as brought up by the extract minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, regarding the distribution of the Temporalities' Fund belonging to the said Church.

The subject was under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived. The Committee accordingly adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 7.30 P.M., same place and day, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Thos. McPherson, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having taken up consideration of the 6th resolution in last year's minutes, agreed to adopt it as it stands, viz: "That with regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations in the matter of worship shall be allowed, and that further action in connexion therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church."

The Committee further agreed to recommend the establishment of an efficient Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the United Church, to which all ministers and congregations will be expected to contribute; and that in the meantime a Committee, consisting of Mr. Croil, Convener, the Hon. John McMurrich and Mr. D. Mackay, be appointed to employ an actuary to value the different Funds now in existence, and submit to this Committee an equitable plan for the establishment and future management of the Fund.

The Committee then returned to the subject of Collegiate Education, and unanimously adopted the following deliverance: "That the negotiating Churches shall enter into union, with the Theological and Literary institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist."

The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, 30th September, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. George Bell, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before, with the exception of Professor Caven, Rev. David Watson, Mr. McDougall, Hon. Alexander Morris, Mr. McRae, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Gibb. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee having taken up the matter of the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund, already referred to in a previous minute, agreed to the following deliverance: "That the Committee regard with much satisfaction and approval the proposed distribution of the Temporalities' Fund, as one which may largely promote the interests of certain important Schemes of the Church; but are of opinion that the object recommended by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, as to the payment of a sum of two hundred dollars per annum to every minister on the Synod roll, to whom the benefit of the Temporalities' Fund does not yet extend, may be as efficiently and conveniently carried out by said Synod in another way acceptable to all parties."

The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At same place and on the same day, at 2.30 P. M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. George M. Grant, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee, after full deliberation, resolved to recommend that such legislation should be sought as shall preserve undisturbed

all the rights of property belonging to individual congregations and corporate bodies entering into the proposed Union.

Other matters regarding the practical work of the Church, and the constitution of the General Assembly of the United Church, occupied the attention of the Committee till the hour of adjournment.

Notice was given of a motion, as the first business on Monday morning, to re-consider the resolution adopted on the matter of Collegiate Education. The Committee then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At the same place, 2nd October, 1871, at 9.30 A.M., the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Principal Snodgrass, at the request of the Chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt—the Rev. Drs. Snodgrass, Cook, Jenkins, Bayne, Taylor, McVicar, Topp, the Rev. Messrs. McPherson, Bennet, Christie, Sedgewick, Bell, McLennan, Grant, Cameron. the Hon. John McMurrich, Messrs. Bremner, Croil, Bell, D. Mackay. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made, duly seconded, that the Committee reconsider the resolution adopted on a previous day regarding Collegiate Education. It was unanimously resolved to do so. The Committee agreed to spend some time in imploring the Divine guidance on this important matter.

This having been done, and the matter having been taken up for consideration, certain resolutions were submitted. These were under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived. The Committee then adjourned. Closed with Prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman, p. t.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At 2.30 P.M., same place and day, the Committee met and was constituted, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, at the request of the chairman, offering up prayer. Sederunt as before, Dr. Bayne, chairman, *p. t.*

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee resumed consideration of the matter of Collegiate Education, and agreed that for the deliverance of the 29th September, on that subject, the following resolutions be adopted:—

1. That inasmuch as the Canada Presbyterian Church has resolved to raise two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the endowment of its Theological Institutions, it be recommended to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, to provide such further endowment to the Faculty of Arts in Queen's College as to it may appear necessary or desirable.

2. That Tutorial work in relation to the Literary and Scientific studies of students for the ministry be not carried on in connexion with the Theological Institutions of the United Church in Ontario and Quebec; but that provision be made by the United Church for such work in Queen's College, Kingston, and in Morrin College, Quebec.

3. That the Theological department of Queen's College and that of Morrin College, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, shall be united into one College, situated at Montreal.

4. That the Theological College thus formed at Montreal shall be governed in general accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

5. That the three Theological Colleges of the United Church, viz.: at Halifax, Montreal and Toronto, shall be affiliated with Queen's College, so as to be represented in the University Senate.

1. For conferring degrees in Divinity.

2. For taking such share in the government of the University as may be proper in relation to the preparatory training of students for the ministry.

6. That the present Principal of Morrin College shall be invited by the General Assembly of the United Church to be the first Principal of the Theological College at Montreal, that another Theological Professor shall be so invited from Queen's College, and that in the event of his declining the invitation, such Professor shall be nominated by the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

7. That the legislation necessary to effect the foregoing changes shall be sought, and that application be made to Parliament for such

legislation, in conformity with the said changes, as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, The Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall, at Halifax, into relations to the United Church, similar to those which they now hold to their respective churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist.

Principal Snodgrass dissented from these resolutions for reasons, which, it was agreed, he might, if he thought proper, send to the Secretary.

The Committee further agreed to express their confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and benevolent operations of the several Churches, according to their respective claims, and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the prosecution of its Schemes, whilst of course the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church, and be the final Court of Appeal, yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through synods and local committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion and throughout the world.

It was agreed also by the Committee that the Basis of Union for the United Church, to be known as "The Presbyterian Church of British North America," as revised and made up from the previous minutes by the Committee appointed for that purpose, be as follows:

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate Standard of this Church, that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people; it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

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The Committee agreed to send a copy of these minutes, including the above Basis, as their report to the Supreme Courts of the several Churches.

It was also resolved that a copy of the resolutions on Collegiate Education be sent to the Boards of the various Institutions referred to in these resolutions.

The Committee then adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., Chairman, *p. t.*

ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

OF THE

PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

ON THE

SUBJECT OF UNION,

AT ST. JOHN, N.B., APRIL 1873.

At St. John, N. B., and within Calvin Church there, on the 11th day of April, 1873, at 11 o'clock, a.m., the Committees on the subject of Union, appointed by the Supreme Courts of the following Churches, viz: The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland—the Canada Presbyterian Church—the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland—and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces—met on the call of the respective Conveners of these Committees, as a Joint Committee, to carry out the purpose of their appointment.

Present:—The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D. D., The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. James C. Smith, Ministers, with Mr. James Craig, M.P.P., and Mr. James Croil, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Robert Ure, The Rev. Professor Caven, The Rev. Professor MacVicar, L.L.D., The Rev. Thomas McPherson, The Rev. Dr. Topp, Ministers, with the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church; The Rev. Allan Pollok, The Rev. Dr. Brooke, The Rev. Donald McRae,

The Rev. G. J. Caie, Ministers, with Mr. James J. Bremner, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Dr. Bayne, The Rev. G. Christie, The Rev. James Bennet, The Rev. G. Patterson, The Rev. Professor MacKnight, Ministers, with Mr. M.H. Gondge, Mr. H. B. Webster, Mr. John S. McLean, and Mr. G. A. Blanchard, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

It was moved by Dr. Jenkins, and seconded by Dr. Topp, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Dr. Bayne be appointed Chairman. Dr. Bayne accordingly took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

It was then moved by Principal Snodgrass, and unanimously agreed to, that Dr. Topp be appointed to act as Secretary.

The Committee unanimously approved of the conduct of the Conveners in calling this meeting.

The Conveners severally reported the deliverances on the subject of Union of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches, at their last meeting, in June, 1872.

There were also read the minutes of a Conference held at Montreal on the 26th day of December, 1872, between the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of considering matters arising out of the deliverances of the Supreme Courts of these Churches, and specially affecting them.

It was resolved to engross these in the minutes of this Committee; and they are accordingly engrossed, viz.:

"At Montreal, and within St. Paul's Church there, the Committees on Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and of the Canada Presbyterian Church, met on the 26th December, 1872, at 11 o'clock, a.m. *Present:* The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D,, The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. Dr. Bell, Ministers, with Messrs. James Craig, James Croil, Archibald McMurchy, and Robert Bell, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Dr. Taylor, The Rev. Professor MacVicar. L.L.D., the Rev. Professor Caven, The Rev. Robert Ure, The Rev. Thomas McPherson, The Rev. Dr. Topp, Ministers, with the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The Conveners, Principal Snodgrass and Dr. Topp, stated the purpose for which they had deemed it expedient to call their

respective Committees together at this time, viz., to consult with reference to certain deliverances of their respective Supreme Courts, which appear to indicate diversity of sentiment on some subjects. The meeting approved of the conduct of the Conveners in thus calling them together, and resolved to hold a Conference, as proposed.

It was then moved by Professor Caven and seconded by Dr. Topp, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Dr. Jenkins be appointed Chairman. Dr. Jenkins accordingly took the chair. At his request, the Conference was constituted with prayer by Dr. Taylor and Professor Caven.

Dr. Topp was unanimously appointed to act as Secretary.

The Conveners of the two Committees read the deliverances of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches on the various matters brought under their notice in connexion with the proposed Union. It was found from these, that the subjects to be considered by this Conference were the following: 1. The deliverance of the Canada Presbyterian Church on the Headship of Christ over His Church. 2. The deliverances of both Churches on State grants to Denominational Colleges. 3. The deliverances of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, on the mode of appointment of Theological Professors.

It was resolved to take up the deliverance on the Headship first. The same was read, and explanations were given as to its meaning and object by the Convener, and by other members of the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Authoritative documents of the respective Churches on the subject were read, viz: On the part of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland: The Act of Independence; The questions put to Ministers at ordination; The Formula signed by the Ministers of that Church, and The form used in closing the meeting of the Supreme Court. On the part of the Canada Presbyterian Church there were read the articles of the Basis of Union between the two bodies now composing that Church; The questions put to Ministers at ordination, and the Formula.

After interchange of sentiment, and frank conversation on these documents, the members of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, directed copies of the documents read by them to be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, that said Committee may deal with the matter in their report in such a way as to them may seem proper.

The subject of State grants to Denominational Colleges, was next taken up. The deliverances of the Supreme Courts of the the two Churches thereon, were read.

During the discussion of this subject by the Conference, the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

Same day and place, 3¼ p.m., the Conference met, and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman.

Sederunt as before, with the addition of Mr. David Mackay, Elder of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jenkins, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

The consideration of the matter of State grants to Denominational Colleges, was resumed. The following deliverance, proposed by Professor Caven, and seconded by Dr. MacVicar, was unanimously adopted, viz: This Conference claims for the respective Churches represented by it the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to Educational Establishments of a Denominational character, and does not see, in such diversity of sentiment upon a subject on which uniformity of opinion is not enforced within any of the negotiating bodies, anything which need prove a barrier to Union, or disturb the peace of a united Church.

The Rev. Gavin Lang now entered, and took his seat in the Conference.

The subject of the appointment of Professors in the Theological Colleges was then taken up. The deliverance of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, respecting it, was read. After lengthened conversation on the subject, it was the unanimous opinion of the Conference that the whole matter should be referred to the deliberations of the Joint Committee at its next meeting.

The Conference having reason to express its thankfulness at the satisfactory progress which has been made with reference to the object for which this meeting has been held, recommends the Conveners of the Committees of the Churches concerned, to make arrangements for a joint meeting of these committees at St. John, N. B., on Friday, the 11th April, 1873, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The Rev. Robert Ure, at the request of the Chairman, engaged in prayer.

The minutes of this and the previous meeting were read and approved.

Adjourned,and closed with prayer.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary."*

It was agreed that the Sessions of this Committee should be from 9½ o'clock a.m., till 1 o'clock; from 3 p.m., till 6 p.m.; and from 7.30 p.m. till such time as adjournment is agreed to.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 3 p.m. The Committee met and, at the request of the Chairman, Mr. McPherson constituted the meeting with prayer.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In proceeding to the proper business of this Committee, it was resolved to take up the consideration of the Basis of Union first, and that the articles of the Basis of Union, as adopted by the Joint Committee, at its meeting in 1871, be now read. This having been done,

It was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Ure, and unanimously agreed to, that the four articles, as thus read, do form the Basis of Union for the United Church, viz:—

1. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God, are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall form the subordinate standard of this Church; that the Larger and Shorter Catechisms shall be adopted by the Church, and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people—it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid Confession or Catechisms, regarding the power and duty of the Civil Magistrate, shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

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The Committee then took up for consideration that part of the Minutes of the Conference held in Montreal, which relates to the subject of the Headship of Christ, as contained in the instructions of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church to its Committee.

After full deliberation, the Committee deferred, in the meantime, a formal deliverance on the subject.

The Secretary then read the resolution of the Conference held at Montreal, on the subject of State grants to Denominational Colleges. The Committee unanimously expressed its approval of said resolution, and adopted it as its own, viz.: The Committee claims for the respective Churches represented by it the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to Educational Establishments of a Denominational character, and does not see, in such diversity of sentiment upon a subject on which uniformity of opinion is not enforced within any of the negotiating bodies, anything which need prove a barrier to Union, or disturb the peace of a United Church.

Principal Snodgrass then, as Convener of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, read the deliverance of the Supreme Court of that Church on the subject of the mode of election of Theological Professors.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the meeting adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 7.30 p.m. The Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. G. Christie, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee took up consideration of the subject of the appointment of Theological Professors, as brought before them in the deliverance of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland. After lengthened deliberation, and a free expression of opinion, it was moved by Principal Snodgrass, seconded by Professor Caven, and unanimously agreed to, That it is inexpedient for this Committee to pass at present any resolution on the subject.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, and within Calvin Church there, on the 12th day of April, 1873, 9.30 a.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Professor Caven, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before, with the addition of the Rev. Kenneth McLennan, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee spent this Session in a frank conversation regarding the maintenance of the Theological Institutions of the Church, but came to no formal resolution on the subject.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 3 p.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before, with the exception of the Rev. Dr. Brooke, who was unable to remain longer. The Rev. Robert Cameron took his seat as alternate for Dr. Brooke. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee now resumed consideration of that part of the Minutes of the Conference at Montreal which referred to the Headship of Christ, and which had engaged attention at a former Session. After further deliberation, it was moved by Professor Caven, seconded by Dr. Topp, and carried unanimously, That the Committee, having heard the Minutes of Conference regarding this subject, which have been read, does now express its satisfaction with the unanimity of sentiment which is exhibited in the documents therein referred to.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 7.30 p.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Hon. John McMurrich, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee took up the consideration of the subject of Public Worship, when it was unanimously resolved, That with regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations, in the matter of worship, shall be allowed, and that further action in connexion therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church.

The subject of Collegiate Education was next brought under the notice of the Committee, when, after discussion, Principal Snodgrass moved, and the Hon. John McMurrich seconded the motion, That the negotiating Churches shall enter into union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, The Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist; but the United Church shall not be required to elect Trustees for an Arts' Department in any of the Colleges above named. This motion was unanimously carried.

The Committee then adjourned, to meet on Monday, the 14th. at 10.30 a.m.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, and within Calvin Church there, on the 14th day of April, 1873, at 10.30 a.m., the Committee met, and was coustituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

Principal Snodgrass moved, seconded by the Hon. John McMurrich, and the motion was unanimously agreed to, That the Committee recommend that steps be taken at the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Church, for the equitable establishment and administration of an efficient Fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of ministers.

It was also unanimously resolved, on the motion of Principal Snodgrass, That such legislation shall be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all rights of property now belonging to congregations and corporate bodies, and, at the same time, not interfere with freedom of action on the part of congregations in the same locality desirous of uniting, or on the part of corporate bodies which may find it to be expedient to discontinue, wholly or partially, their separate existence.

Principal Snodgrass reported action on the part of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, as follows: "That the Temporalities Fund shall remain, as at present, in the hands of a Board, the membership of which shall be continued, after the consummation of the Union, by the remanent members having power to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise; and the administration of the Fund shall continue on the same principles and for the same purposes as at present, until all vested rights shall have lapsed; and these rights shall be held to be the following:—(1.) The annual receipt by ministers now receiving four hundred and fifty dollars ($450), four hundred dollars ($400), or two hundred dollars ($200), of the same amount during their lifetime, and good standing in the Church. (2.) The annual receipt of two thousand dollars ($2000) by the Treasurer of Queen's College, and (3) the annual receipt

of two hundred dollars ($200) by all the ministers who shall be on the Synod Roll at the time of the Union, and by all recognized Probationers and Licentiates during their lifetime, and good standing in the Church; That as soon as the Fund, or any part of it, shall no longer be required for these purposes, it shall be appropriated (1) to the formation of a Fund for the benefit of Aged and Infirm Ministers of the United Church, retired from the active duties of the ministry with the sanction of the said Church, in the proportion of six-ninths; (2) for the maintenance and extension of the Theological Faculty of Queen's College, in the proportion of two-ninths; (3) to the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund of the said United Church, in the proportion of one-ninth—these calculations to be based on a capital fund of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($450,000), and the residue, over and above this amount, up to forty thousand dollars ($40,000), to be devoted to the maintenance of the Theological Faculty of Morrin College; And whereas, the Committee on Union desire instructions as to the mode of making provision for the payment of two hundred dollars ($200) per annum to all Ministers on the Roll at the time of union until such time as they become beneficiaries of the Temporalities' Fund, the Synod refer the matter to the wisdom of the Committee to arrange such method of provision as they may deem best, drawing, if necessary (but only as an extreme measure, when no other method of meeting the difficulty can be devised), upon the capital of the Fund—the same to be repaid to capital before any distribution of the principal Fund takes place.

Professor Caven moved, seconded by the Hon. John McMurrich, and the motion was unanimously adopted, That this Committee record its satisfaction with the proposed arrangement of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 3 p.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by Mr. Webster, at the request of the Chairman. Sederunt as before, Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

It was then moved by Prof. Caven, seconded by Professor MacKnight, and unanimously agreed to, That the Committee does

now express its confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and Benevolent operations of the several churches, according to their respective claims; and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the promotion of its schemes, whilst the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church; yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through Synods and Local Committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion, and throughout the world.

The Committee further agreed that the name of the United Church should be "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

In terminating their proceedings, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"This meeting, having carefully reviewed the deliberations and proceedings of the present and two former joint meetings of Committees, records its gratification at the agreement which has been attained on the various subjects that have been considered, and believing that all matters claiming attention have been discussed, resolves, That the Committees, in reporting to the next ensuing annual meetings of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches, shall submit an extract of this minute, along with the proposed Basis of Union, and the deliverances that have been passed, with a strong recommendation in favour of the adoption of the same without change, so that precisely the same document may be transmitted by all the Courts; and that there may be no further delay in ascertaining the views of all parties concerned on the subject of Union."

It was then moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by the Hon. John McMurrich, and cordially agreed to, That the Joint Committee, representing the several Presbyterian Churches of British North America, does express its grateful sense of the great kindness and hospitality extended to its members by Christian friends in the city; also, that the thanks of the Committee be given to the minister and managers of Calvin Church for the use of the same, and for the comfortable accommodation thus provided for their meetings.

Dr. Jenkins, Professor Caven and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to revise the minutes, previously to their being printed for the use of the Supreme Courts.

The Rev. Robert Ure, having been requested by the Chairman, engaged in prayer, and then the meeting was closed with the Benediction by the Chairman.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D. *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

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